

thought lived on a "higher plane" than her siblings, expressed a "decided feeling of disappointment in regard to the change," as Cottage B had been "their home for so many years." When the "difficult" of the three daughters, who lived apart from the others in one of the wards in the main building, died of pneumonia in 1917 (a casualty of the influenza epidemic of World War I?), the grief-stricken women's correspondent received "2 or 3 pages from each of which no sense or connection can be made."

Their removal to Cobourg on August 20, 1920 was not entirely successful. They are described doing "fancy work" and "constantly adding to their own comforts by articles they purchase down town," the Superintendent writes from Cobourg on June 2, 1921. But they feel that "the climate in Cobourg is very bad for them," and the old lady secretly writes Secretary Nixon for a transfer for herself and family, back to Toronto.

The daughter Daniel Clark thought lived on a "higher plane" than the others turned up on Saturday afternoon, when the Toronto Asylum got a phone call from a woman living nearby. The daughter was in her house and would they come and get her? Dr. Clare wrote to ask the Superintendent at Cobourg either to take the daughter back or send the rest of "the family" to Toronto. The family was reunited in Toronto, with (according to the Superintendent at Cobourg, who thought it prudent to warn his counterpart of their imminent approach) "luggage to burn." The contents of this are circumstantially listed, on half a dozen sheets of paper headed, "White Trunk," "Green Trunk," "Cretonne Box," etc.

In 1923 the mother caught erysipelas from one of her daughters. She was 86 and died of the attack on March 22. The daughter died April 1, 1923.

#### Grim Realities: Abuse<sup>bis</sup>

There can be no doubt that patients were abused by staff. Clark reports that on October 4, 1888, Mr. Mannering came to him in his office and accused Nurses in Ward 11 of "using improper language to his wife + slapping her face when feeding her." He sent for Supervisor Wood, and Attendants Scott and Earle, who denied the charge and indicated that, far from being unhappy with her treatment, Mrs. Mannering had given Miss Wood a present. Some attempt